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MARATHON OVER RAILROAD BILL

Interesting Race on Between Two Houses of Congress on Voting Question.

SENATE ENCOUNTERS OBSTACLES

Mr. Elkins Leads the Cummins Substitute

HOUSE MAY BALLOT TODAY

Upper Body Probably Will Not for Ten Days.

BASE BALL PROVES ATTRACTIVE

National Game Keeps Members Away, Says Mr. Aldrich—Traffic Rates Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The "marathon" between the senate and house for the distinction of being the first to pass President Taft's railroad legislation is attracting national interest. Both branches of congress had hoped to reach votes before the close of the coming week, but the senate seems to have encountered several obstacles and from present indication it will be ten days probably before the measure is sent to conference.

Representative Mann of Illinois, who has charge of the bill in the house, succeeded in getting an order for the consideration of the bill for amendments under the previous rule. It is likely he can bring the measure to a final vote by Thursday or Friday.

On the senate side, exasperating delays have been provoked by the desire of members to go to the base ball games. Senator Elkins said yesterday he could have put through several important provisions during the last week if it had not been for the absence of so many of his colleagues.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Elkins did not exaggerate the situation, although he was speaking facetiously.

He has the votes. Senator Elkins reported yesterday he had sufficient votes to defeat the Cummins substitute for the Elkins-Crawford provision, which the senators in charge of the bill want adopted.

"Then let's get a vote," urged Senator Aldrich.

"It would not be safe today," said Mr. Elkins, "too many senators are attending the ball game."

"That would affect both sides, wouldn't it?" persisted Mr. Aldrich.

"I don't know about that," replied Mr. Elkins. "It seems to be our fellows who are away."

"Do base ball games keep on all summer?" asked Mr. Aldrich. In a groined tone, flatly, he did not know. Vice President Sherman or Senator Crane could have answered, but both of them were at the game. So a newspaper man had to tell him.

"Twenty-two out of the next twenty-five games will be played in Washington."

"Humph!" Mr. Aldrich condensed a word of meaning in this comment.

Noses then were counted. Mr. Elkins made no attempt to get a vote.

Postal bills are out of the way, the house expects to begin work on the postal savings bank measure, although it may require a contract of the republicans to get the bill out of committee. The senate bill does not meet with general approval in the house and the contest over it will be spirited.

Hearings will be had on the Moon bill for the regulation of injunctions, and naturally this measure will follow next on the house program. Statehood legislation probably will be the last of all of the administration policies to be considered.

Thursday the president will receive his imperial highness, Prince Tsai Tao, brother of the infant emperor of China.

The Chinese party will be entertained elaborately at the White House and by Secretary Knox and otherwise will be made to feel the kindly interest of the administration toward the Chinese empire.

President Taft will speak twice Monday afternoon at the dedication of the Carnegie library at Howard university here and Tuesday at the dedication of the new building of the bureau of American Republics. Both buildings are gifts of Mr. Carnegie, who will speak at both occasions, and on Monday evening will be guest of the National Press club of Washington.

Traffic Rates. A notable conference will be held by the members of the Interstate Commerce commission Thursday and Friday. Those days have been set aside by the commission for the consideration of the Pacific coast cases which were heard by the commission on its long trip last autumn.

All of the cases are of general interest to the country. They involve not merely freight conditions local to the Pacific coast, but questions of rates which affect transcontinental traffic in its entirety. The cases include the rehearing of the Spokane rate case, the Portland and Seattle backhaul cases, the San Francisco cases, involving rates into intermountain country, and the notable Reno rate case.

The last is the most important proceeding now before the commission. Reno shippers have urged the commission to give them the same rates of class and commodity traffic from Atlantic seaboard points as now are given to Pacific coast terminals.

It was developed in the hearing of the case that the rate from Atlantic ports to Sacramento, and other Pacific coast terminals was \$2 on first-class freight and proportionately less on other classes and commodities.

Matter of Long Haul. The rate to Reno from the same points of origin is the sum of the Pacific coast terminal rate plus the local rate from Sacramento to Reno. The distance from Sacramento to Reno is about 150 miles and the back haul rate is \$1.25 on first-class freight. This makes the rate from Atlantic seaboard points to Reno \$4.25, although the freight is unloaded at Reno on the west-bound haul.

The defense of the railroad is that Sacramento is a water competitive point, a boat line being operated between San Francisco and Sacramento. They hold, therefore, that, although Sacramento is a longer haul, they are obliged to make a lower rate on account of the water competition.

Fair Kidnaper of Whittla Boy Seeks Freedom

Helen Boyle, Through Her Attorneys, Begin Fight to Secure Release from Penitentiary.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 24.—The attorneys for Helen Boyle, now serving a twenty-five-year sentence in Riverdale for kidnaping little Willie Whittla, son of the Sharon, Pa., millionaire, are ready to begin their fight in superior court to regain her freedom. They promise sensational developments.

The appeal will be heard here a week on Monday. The appeal is from the decision of the Mercer county court and the question is: "Did the Mercer county court have jurisdiction in the case of Mrs. Boyle, as she committed no crime in Pennsylvania."

A new confession of Jimmie Boyle, the kidnaper and husband of Helen Boyle, is being used. In this confession Boyle defends his wife and swears she did not know the boy was kidnaped when he took him to Cleveland.

Allege Election Fraud in Kearney

Dry Forces Enjoin Issue of Saloon Licenses and Demand Recount of Votes.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 24.—(Special.)—A temporary restraining order was granted by Judge B. O. Hosteller in district court Saturday against the city of Kearney, granting licenses for saloons the coming year. The action is the result of a long investigation of the manner in which the last election was conducted and the petitioners allege that there was illegal voting, miscounts and other irregularities. They ask for a recount and that the court issue a restraining order against the mayor, city clerk and council from issuing licenses and such other relief as the court may grant.

The hearing of the petition was held in the afternoon and the city attorneys are furnishing the data and claim to have obtained same by a careful watch of the polls and from the poll books after election. The hearing of testimony of both sides will be had Monday.

Bryan Petitions Out for Senator

Documents Are Circulated by Democrats in Various Sections of the State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 24.—(Special.)—Although the question of whether Mr. Bryan will be a candidate for United States senator on the democratic ticket, is very much unsettled, there is no doubt about the activity of democrats in his behalf.

Petitions are being circulated and signed in various parts of the state and these are being sent to the Bryan headquarters here. Just how many petitions are out it is not possible to say at this time, but it has been said by the most reliable authority that one petition was sent in from Richardson county this week in which every voter in one precinct, except seven, had signed.

Who is engineering these petitions is not possible to say, but so far as heard from, no steps have been taken by the Bryanites to discourage this activity.

TWO SISTERS DIE, THIRD LIES AT POINT OF DEATH

All Stricken with Fatal Disease at Same Time Though Many Miles Apart.

DES MOINES, April 24.—Separated by many hundred miles, each ignorant of the condition of the other, three sisters were suddenly stricken with fatal diseases within a few hours of each other. Two of them are dead and a third is lying at the point of death on a claim in South Dakota.

Wendell's sister, Josephine, who is a popular waitress in a fashionable downtown cafe, became fatally ill and was removed to Mercy hospital. While lying on her death bed a telegram was handed her apprising her of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Clem Flunk of Calmar, Ia.

Miss Radloff died Friday night and six hours later the sister at Calmar also expired. Tonight it was learned that the sister in South Dakota was expected to die.

BIG BLAZE AT OVERTON

Lumber and Coal Sheds and Other Buildings Destroyed.

OVERTON, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire started in F. H. Gligrow's lumber and coal sheds at 10 o'clock this morning and in less than two hours the whole town was in flames, also a big building belonging to Mrs. Rucker and several barns and outbuildings, making a total loss of about \$25,000.

Wind Picks Woman's Purse and Breaks Into a Store

A bitter wind from the northwest swept clouds of sand and dust over Omaha Saturday, trifling in its angry course to here and there play fanciful antics and capers. In practical humor the gale broke into the Brandels store at Sixteenth and Douglas street through a heavy plate glass window and out on South Twenty-third street picked a helpless woman's pocket-book of \$50 after throwing her struggling against a fence.

Mrs. H. A. Fitch, 123 South Twenty-fifth street, started from her home on a shopping errand to be lifted from her feet at the gate and roughly handled by the hurricane. When she recovered her purse of \$50 in bills had been blown away and lost.

Damage amounting to \$100 was incurred at the Brandels store through the breaking of a big display window from wind pressure.

Charles Hill, 123 North Twenty-fourth street, suffered severe injuries when the

MOTHER AND FIVE CHILDREN BURN

Mrs. Jeremiah Miner and Five Little Ones Incarcerated in Ranch House Near Ponca.

TAR EXPLODES IN KITCHEN Members of Family Enveloped in Flames and Perish.

FATHER SAVES CHILD AND SELF Head of Household Jumps Into River to Quench Fire.

SON ATTEMPTS RESCUE, BUT FAILS Charles Miner Frustrated in Efforts to Save Victims by Fierceness of Blaze—Home Mass of Ruins.

PONCA, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Enveloped in the flames of burning tar, six members of the family of Jeremiah Miner met agonized deaths today. Mrs. Miner and five children were the victims of the accident, and another death, that of Mr. Curtin, is likely.

A two-gallon kettle of tar cooking on the stove in the kitchen exploded when nearly all the family were present. One little girl, aged 8 years, escaped, owing to her father's heroism. Himself covered with flames, he managed to throw her out of the window. Those who died were these:

MRS. JEREMIAH MINER, PHILIP MINER, 13 years old. SAMUEL MINER, 10 years old. UTRLEY MINER, 8 years old. JEREMIAH MINER, Jr., 3 years old. ETTA MINER, 2 years old.

Two other children are left alive besides the child which the father saved. These are Charles Miner, 21 years old, and Bertha, the eldest daughter who is visiting in Elk Point, S. D.

Father Jumps Into River. The Miner family lived in a farm house one mile and a half from this city. Mr. Miner, besides farming, ran a ferry boat, and the eldest son was near the boat when the tar exploded. The first he knew that anything had happened was when his father, his clothing aflame, rushed down and threw himself into the water.

The burned man then collapsed and might have drowned had his son not pulled him out. Charles Miner then rushed to the house, a few rods away. The building was a mass of flames and he was unable to enter it, although he knew that his mother, brothers and sisters were inside.

Presently he found the little girl whom the father had saved and he took her to a neighbor's. The father was then removed there and later brought to town for medical treatment. If his condition will permit he will be sent to a Sioux City hospital.

The house burned to the ground and the people inside were incinerated. A heap of smoldering ashes is all that remains as innumerable evidence of the terrible holocaust.

Axe is Ready for Carroll G. Pearse

Socialists in Milwaukee Said Not to Favor Retention of Ex-Omahan as School Head.

MILWAUKEE, April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The principal political fight now on in Milwaukee is between Carroll G. Pearse, superintendent of schools, and Victor Berger, dean of the socialists. Pearse has been at the head of the public school system for the last two years and he has received favorable resolutions from various teachers' conventions which have been held here. Berger, however, thinks he is not the man for the place, and Berger is now the power behind the throne in Milwaukee. Pearse has five votes with him on the school board out of nine, but the new appointments, with the influence of Berger, whose wife is a member of the board, are almost sure to count against him, and there is already speculation as to his successor.

DEPEW HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

New Yorker Celebrates Seventy-Sixth Anniversary as the Guest of Montauk Club.

NEW YORK, April 24.—"For a long life, abounding in good things, in a capacity for enjoying everything, in reciprocal attachments and contributions with multitudes of men and women in more than my share of health and happiness, I reverently thank God both that I am alive and that I have lived," was Senator Chauncey M. Depew's estimate of what the world had all amounted to in his life.

The senator was speaking at the nine-month anniversary dinner given him by the Montauk club of Brooklyn in celebration of his 76th birthday. Senator Depew apparently is as hale and hearty as ever.



From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

STREET SIGN CAUSE OF WAR

Bank Display at Lincoln Brings on Merry Dissension.

CITY COUNCIL MAY END DISPUTE Request for Temporary Sign Made by S. H. Burnham, Prominent Banker, Brings Out Question of Obstructing Scenery.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 24.—(Special.)—This beautiful little city is just now torn with dissension and there is war on every block of authority to construct signs along the sidewalks. In fact, the feeling against these obstructions has reached such a point in some quarters that one of the newspapers editorially voiced an objection to "skyscrapers" because they disfigured the landscape.

It has been the custom here for a long time in some quarters to criticize severely any obstruction between the sidewalks and the broad, blue sky or the giving of authority to construct signs along the sidewalks. In fact, the feeling against these obstructions has reached such a point in some quarters that one of the newspapers editorially voiced an objection to "skyscrapers" because they disfigured the landscape.

Other Instances Cited. So there are few obstructions between the sidewalks and the broad, blue sky or on the sidewalks, barring, of course, the boxes of fruits set out by the fruit dealers, the grocers' wares, the signs designating the location of the theaters, the balconies around the Lincoln and Lindell hotels, together with the large electric signs attached thereto, cases in which photographs are exhibited, a few buildings or two which set in the streets, the Young Men's Christian association having occupied half of a street for several months, in which a restaurant is conducted while constructing a new building.

When Mr. Burnham made his request there was a digging into the records and it was found there is an objection against such signs. The worthy mayor promptly went on record in opposition to the request. He and the worthy council stand between the "money power" and the people. And as there are a lot of people here and some money there is a division of sentiment as to what to do.

When Mr. Burnham made his request Mr. Gregory of another bank said publicly and for publication that it was not necessary for this bank to have that sign. And in that he has many backers, for when it was announced that the bank would be located in the Brownell block, everybody here knew that meant in the same building.

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Patten Denies a Report that He Squeezed Shorts

Not in a Cotton Corner, but He Looks for Higher Prices on Wheat.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—James A. Patten, credited all over the country with having cornered the cotton market and created a panic among shorts in that commodity, resulting indirectly in the investigation begun by Attorney General Wickham, returned to Chicago today after a brief visit in New York and laughed in the face of the cotton corner, saying:

"The story will not hold water, no matter how hard they try to make it look like the truth."

"There is no cotton corner at this time and has been none so far as I am considered. What is true is that conditions warrant a belief in much higher cotton than now rules, and so I am buying cotton. So are a good many other men who believe as I do."

Mr. Patten laughing at the rumors of a big game involving himself and J. Ogden Armour, said:

"It is perfectly obvious that with the winter wheat losses in Kansas and Nebraska wheat will have to go higher."

HELD BY THE CORONER'S JURY

Mrs. Todd Explains Why She Shot and Killed Her Husband at Deadwood.

DEADWOOD, S. D., April 24.—(Special.)—"I killed him because I loved him and I could not bear to see him quit me." According to testimony at the coroner's inquest into the death of Jerry Todd, the recognized leader of the colored colony here, this was the reply Mrs. Todd, a young bride of four months, made to her friend, Mrs. Bell, just after Todd had fallen from a pistol shot in his side.

In her testimony, Mrs. Bell said that Mrs. Todd rushed to the Bell residence for help, declaring she had shot her husband, and adding, "You know I always said I would kill Jerry if he left me," but that Mrs. Todd a few minutes later added that she had not intended to kill Todd, but merely fired at his leg to scare him. On the strength of this testimony the woman was held by the coroner's jury and later an information charging her with murder was filed by the state's attorney.

DEAD MURDERER IDENTIFIED

Body of George Bowers, Who Was Killed by Train, is Exhumed for Ohio Officials.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 24.—Captured after being dead and buried is what happened to George Bowers of Zanesville, O., who was killed by a train at Kenova, W. Va., last week. Bowers was wanted in Zanesville on a charge of murder.

Officials from Zanesville yesterday went to the Kenova cemetery and opened the grave in order to identify him. The photograph in the possession of the officers proved a genuine likeness of the lifeless form.

END OF WORLD NOT IN SIGHT

So Says Father W. F. Rigge, Astronomer of Creighton University.

TAIL OF COMET NOT DANGEROUS Present Visit Twenty-Seventh Time the Comet Has Passed the Earth—First Time for Earth Going Through the Tail.

The world will not come to an end on May 19 as far as Halley's comet is concerned, is an assertion made by Father Rigge at the meeting of the Philosophical society in Barling's hall Sunday afternoon.

Father Rigge gave a number of reasons why the passing of the earth through the tail of the comet would have no particular effect, chief of which was the statement that the mass of which the tail is supposed to be composed are so thin that stars can be seen through the vapor for hundreds of thousands of miles with telescopes. He also brought out the fact that the smelter located in Omaha, sent out gases 100 times more dense and poisonous than those composing the tail of the sky wanderer. The fact that the head of the comet at the time the earth passes through the tail is 12,000,000 miles away is another fact indicating that the gases will not be of pronounced density.

Father Rigge explained to a large gathering the astronomical data that has been gathered about the comet. He said according to the records this is the twenty-seventh time it has passed the earth and the first time the earth passes through the tail. He also stated that this comet was the star of Bethlehem.

The comet will pass before the sun May 19 at 9:28 at night. It will not be visible here, but will be in the Pacific ocean. After the comet has passed the sun, it will be seen more clearly in Omaha and those who look for it on May 20 and 21 should be rewarded for their efforts.

Father Rigge said it is probable that at the time the comet passes the sun the sky in this section may be faintly lighted.

CONFIRMS SENATOR'S REPORT.

Last evening Father Rigge said a letter he had received from Prof. Senter says that St. Louis university has convinced him he saw the comet both on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, but did not at the time recognize it, so faint was the speck of light. He did not see the tail, or any indication of it, and thus was misled into thinking he saw only a star.

"I have no doubt Prof. Senter saw the comet," said Father Rigge, "also that the St. Louis observers say it. The St. Louis data sent to me convinces me that I also saw it. The high school is much higher than Creighton observatory, of course, and just at present my apparatus is not in the best working condition, but it will be shortly."

TODAY IS LAST DAY TO FILE.

PIERRE, S. D., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Next Monday is the last day for filing nominating petitions for the June primaries. The republicans are practically all filed. The prohibitionists file today and the democratic nominees are to be filed Monday.

ROOSEVELT IDOL OF THE FRENCH

Designate Reception as Crowning of the Career of a Man of Letters.

TOUCHED BY HONORS PAID HIM Name of Distinguished American on Everybody's Lips.

IS REGARDED AS CONSERVATOR Question of Race Suicide Taken Up and Discussed.

VEWS AGREED WITH BY LEADERS Greeted by Thousands on Way Through Boulevards and Laughs When Fears Are Expressed for His Safety.

PARIS, April 24.—Mr. Roosevelt passed a comparatively quiet Sunday in Paris. Accompanied by Ambassador Bacon in the morning he attended service in the American church in the Rue de Berri and listened to the sermon of the Rev. Chauncey W. Goodrich, who preached from the gospel of St. John, chapter 17, verse xv. Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by Kermit and Archibald, attended the American church in Avenue de La Alma.

Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt lunched with Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, the other guests including Premier Briand, M. Barthou, minister of Justice; Consul General Mason, Anatole Leroy-Bouchet, Albert De Coubertin, Count De Lastyrie and Count De Pourtales. In the afternoon there was an automobile trip to St. Germain, where Colonel Roosevelt visited the chateau of Henri IV. On returning the Roosevelts dined quietly with Ambassador and Miss Bacon at the American embassy.

Election Day in Paris. Although the general elections were held today in France, Colonel Roosevelt did not take the trouble to vote, saying that he had not time to investigate the matters which did not concern him directly. Besides, he supposed that the election machinery of France was not better nor any worse than the United States.

Tomorrow Colonel Roosevelt will be the guest of the municipal assembly of Paris. The city fathers in solemn session will receive him at the Hotel De Ville, where luncheon will be served in his honor, after which he will sign his name in the "Livre d'Or," which contains the signatures of all the monarchs and noted persons who have been the guests of the city. The evening he will dine with General Brugue and there will go to the opera house, where he will occupy the presidential box. Salome was the bill, but Mr. Roosevelt's expressed desire Saint Irene's "Sampson and Delilah" will be produced with ballet.

The papers are filled with Roosevelt; his name is practically on everybody's lips. The government will try to stop race suicide because he recommended such a course in his speech Saturday. He will be asked formally and informally to help the French preserve their natural resources. He is being applauded for his stand in Rome and here he becomes another national hero in the attitude of the French government towards the Roman Catholic church, which is not all friendly.

Orators are pointing morals and adorning tales with the name of Roosevelt.

Orators hostile to the vatican's French policy paint Colonel Roosevelt as a great republican who set his heel down boldly on the Roman Catholic church's efforts to restrain intellectual freedom.

Colonel is Elated. Colonel Roosevelt was elated at the interest taken in his coming at Paris. Then he became mildly surprised. Next he passed into the stage of perplexity and now he is angry. Despite his apparent anger he is pleased at some features of the frantic acclaim of the French people. He is glad to know that his remarks ancient race suicide struck home. He is further pleased to know that he is regarded as a conservator away from home.

The French people have appreciated for the service. The French people have responded nobly.

M. Briand has conveyed indirectly to Mr. Roosevelt that he could do France a great service both in assisting to prevent further increase of race suicide and by aiding in a general plan to conserve the French nation's resources. The first balloting in the general elections will conclude tomorrow and tonight speakers devoted more talk to Roosevelt in their final campaign utterances than they did to the strictly local issues. The final balloting will follow May 8.

Knows No Fear. Following Colonel Roosevelt's speech at the Sorbonne he was greeted by nearly 30,000 persons on his way through the boulevards. The police were apprehensive for his safety, but the American laughed at their fears. The police agents, who have been keeping a wary eye open for American anarchists, kept secret police in close wake of the automobile that contained Colonel Roosevelt.

Colonel Roosevelt showed displeasure over the fact that campaign capital in being made of the vatican affair. Religious issues were mixed in the campaign when it was brought to a close tonight, although it will be open again after tomorrow. Colonel Roosevelt is annoyed that his express wishes of being kept out of religious discussions has been overlooked.

Following the lecture Vice Rector Liard, in behalf of the university, presented Mr. Roosevelt with a bust of Jefferson and two cases made in the bust. A curious mistake had been made in the bust. A bust of Lincoln had been ordered from the government factory at Sevres, but in some unaccountable way one of Jefferson was manufactured. M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, has arranged to have the original order executed.

Appreciates the Honor. In replying to M. Boutroux before the Academy of Military and Political Sciences Mr. Roosevelt spoke in French. He said he would not dare to do so if he were not among conferees, for he was certain of their indulgence.

"I cannot express how much I have been touched by the honor you have paid me," he said. "It is the crowning of the career of a man of letters."

M. Boutroux, he said, had defined his moral conception of life better than he could himself, and he continued: "I have always tried to translate into action the

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How Big is Omaha?

What Some People Think About It

Table listing names and addresses of people who provided input for the 'How Big is Omaha?' article. Includes names like J. A. Hawser, David City, Minn.; C. B. Wilson, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. F. Casey, 1928 N. 12; etc.

The Census Man is Counting Now.